

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively adjusting the elevation of a building material, comprising:

an open-ended, substantially cylindrical base having an upper end, a lower end, an exterior surface, and an interior surface;

a footing member interconnected to a lower end of said cylindrical base, said footing member having a greater diameter than said cylindrical base to provide enhanced stability;

a first plurality of horizontally ~~circumferentially~~-oriented ribs integrally interconnected to said interior surface of said substantially cylindrical base and positioned between said upper end and said lower end, wherein an internal diameter of said cylindrical base is ~~selectively~~ reduced in predetermined locations, and wherein each of said first plurality of horizontally oriented ribs is non-continuous having a first end and a second end thereby defining a first channel;

a substantially cylindrical shaped support member having an upper end, a lower end, an exterior surface and an interior surface;

a second plurality of non-continuous horizontally ~~circumferentially~~-oriented ribs ~~integrally interconnected to~~ depending from said outer surface of said cylindrically shaped support member, wherein said upper end of said open ended substantially cylindrical base is adapted to receive said lower end of said support member when said first and said second plurality of horizontally ~~circumferentially~~-oriented ribs are offset, such that said ribs of said support member are received within said first channel to permit

vertical non-rotational travel, and wherein when said support member is rotated with respect to said substantially cylindrical base, said first plurality of ribs and said second plurality of ribs ~~operably engage~~ align to substantially prevent vertical movement of said support member relative to said cylindrical base ; and

a head portion interconnected to said upper end of said cylindrical shaped support member, said head portion having a geometric profile adapted for engagement with the building material to provide operable support.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a third plurality of horizontally circumferentially-oriented ribs integrally interconnected to said interior of said substantially cylindrical base, and offset from said first plurality of horizontally circumferentially-oriented ribs, and wherein each of said third plurality of horizontally oriented ribs is non-continuous having a first end and a second end thereby defining a second channel.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising a fourth plurality of horizontally circumferentially-oriented ribs that depend from integrally interconnected to an said outer surface of said cylindrically shaped support member, and that are operably sized to ~~engage~~ align with said third plurality of horizontally circumferentially-oriented ribs.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein ~~a centerline of~~ said first plurality of horizontally oriented ribs and said third plurality of horizontally circumferentially oriented ribs are offset approximately 180 degrees.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein ~~a centerline of~~ said second plurality of horizontally oriented and said fourth plurality of horizontally circumferentially oriented ribs are offset approximately 180 degrees.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion has a plurality of threads on a lower end ~~which~~ that are adapted for interconnection to a threaded portion positioned on said upper end of said substantially cylindrical shaped support member, ~~wherein such that~~ a total height length of said apparatus may be selectively adjusted.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion may be selectively removed from said substantially cylindrical shaped support.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cylindrical base, said footing member, said support member and said head portion are comprised of at least one of a plastic, a metal, a fiberglass material, and a carbon fiber, and combinations ~~therein~~ thereof.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion comprises at least one upwardly projecting lip which is adapted for engaging the building surface.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said footing member is integrally interconnected to said lower end of said substantially cylindrical base.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a locking means in operable engagement with said substantially cylindrical base and said substantially cylindrical shaped support member, wherein rotation of said substantially cylindrical shaped support member is substantially prevented with respect to said substantially cylindrical base.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said locking means comprises at least one of a pin, a screw, a bolt mechanism, an adhesive, a cam, a spring clip and a hook.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said open end, substantially cylindrical base is at least partially closed.

14. (Currently Amended) A non-threaded apparatus for selectively adjusting the elevation of a building surface, comprising:

a substantially cylindrical shaped base having an open upper end, a lower end, an internal surface and an exterior surface;

a footing member interconnected to a lower end of said substantially cylindrical base, said footing member having a greater diameter than said cylindrical base to provide enhanced stability;

a substantially cylindrical shaped support member having an upper end, a lower end, and an outer surface with a diameter adapted to allow insertion of said lower end of said support member into said open upper end of said base;

an adjustment means comprised of a plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs interconnected to an outer surface of said substantially cylindrical support member and said internal surface of said substantially cylindrical shaped base, wherein said substantially cylindrical shaped support member ~~can~~ may be selectively positioned [[at]] to a predetermined height with vertical, non-rotational travel and subsequently rotated wherein said plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs of said substantially cylindrical shaped base and said substantially cylindrical shaped support member engage to substantially prevent any vertical movement of said support member relative to said base; and

a head selectively interconnected to said upper end of said support member, said head having a geometric profile which is adapted to engage a portion of a building surface.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs extend outwardly in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to a longitudinal axis of said substantially cylindrical shaped base.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, further comprising a second plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs interconnected to said outer surface of said substantially cylindrical support member and said internal surface of said substantially cylindrical base, and oriented on an opposing side of said first plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said apparatus is comprised of at least one of a plastic, a fiberglass, and a metallic material, and a carbon fiber.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said first plurality of non-threaded circumferentially oriented ribs have a length of at least about one quarter of the circumference of said cylindrical shaped base.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said cylindrical shaped base has a threaded upper end adapted to receive a threaded portion of said head.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein an upper surface of said head has at least one vertically extending ~~[[rib]]~~member adapted to engage said building surface.

Claims 21-25 (Cancelled)